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Honorable J. James Exon
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Dear Senator Exon:

This is in response to your letter of March 26, 1993, addressing the effect on domestic equipment manufacturers of the Commission's proposals in ET Docket No. 92-9 to reallocate and rechannelize five bands above 3 GHz for use by fixed microwave licensees currently operating in the 2 GHz band.

The Commission's proposals were based upon bands and rechanneling schemes contained in petitions for rule making filed by the Utilities Telecommunications Council and Alcatel Network Systems, Inc. These petitions were placed on public comment, and no party suggested that the proposed channeling schemes might adversely impact domestic manufacturers. After the Commission proposed rules based on the petitions several U.S. equipment manufacturers, including the Harris Corporation - Farinon Division, expressed concern that the scheme of the proposed rechannelization plans would place U.S. equipment manufacturers at a competitive disadvantage. These manufacturers have submitted alternative rechannelization proposals for the Commission's consideration and briefed Commission staff on their views and alternative proposals.

I have directed the Commission's staff to thoroughly evaluate all of the rechanneling schemes and arguments presented in the record and want to assure you that the Commission will carefully consider the impact of our decision on the competitive position of U.S. companies. I have directed the Secretary to place a copy of your letter in the file of ET Docket No. 92-9 for this purpose.

Sincerely,

James H. Quello
Chairman

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The Honorable James Quello
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I write to express my concern about ET Docket No. 92-9.

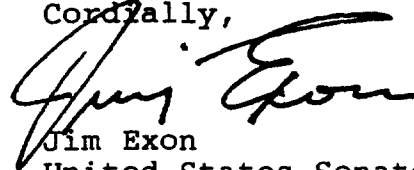
As you will recall, the Senate Commerce Committee, on which I serve, took a prominent role in the debate on the reallocation of spectrum to provide for emerging technology. The final compromise was meant to reassure the Congress that the interests of incumbent users could be protected while fostering American technological leadership and employment in new telecommunications industries.

It has come to my attention that the microwave standard proposed in the Commission's notice of proposed rulemaking will seriously disadvantage American microwave equipment manufacturers, such as the Harris Company which employs citizens in my home state of Nebraska. I understand that the proposed standard favors a single European firm, although American firms comprise 70 percent of the current microwave equipment market. It could take these American firms at least two years to redesign products to meet the new standard. The European standard would also add expense and cause delay to the effort to convert incumbent users.

I ask the Commission to carefully review ET Docket No. 92-9. The Commission should look for alternatives which give all equipment providers fair access. The Commission should not give a foreign firm an unfair edge in the American market.

I would appreciate being kept informed, at my Washington address, of the status of this docket.

Cordially,



Jim Exon
United States Senator